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Student radio station ever closer

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Concert to raise money for FCC license

OU is one step closer to establishing a student-run radio station.

However, money remains an obstacle.

At Tuesday's meeting of the Student Union Activities Board, Chairman Jim Rutter said a channel is now available, and the board is banking on an upcoming concert to provide the \$3,000 to \$5,000 needed to purchase an FCC license.

Taylor Wilken, radio committee vice chair, said a good turnout

for the concert could do the trick.

"If we sell 1,000 tickets, we'll have the five grand, which will get us the license."

Wilken said four bands, Tall Tales, The Coma Club, Red Red Groove and Three Ring Carcass, will donate their talents at the Sept. 5 show in the Oklahoma Memorial Union Ballroom.

However, Rutter said, "it's probably not realistic" to expect to sell 1,000 tickets and a series of concerts may be necessary.

Regardless of money problems, the committee is forging ahead.

"What we need to do now is start the application process because 89.3 is the only channel available. The important thing now is to keep up momentum."

Wilken said the application process should not take more

than a month or two, but Rutter emphasized that time is of the essence.

"We need to apply before anyone else does. Otherwise we'll have to show the FCC that we need it more than they do," he said.

Still to be resolved is the matter of obtaining a broadcast site. Rutter said two options are now available.

"We can broadcast from KGOU's tower at two kilowatts, or OU's union tower at one kilowatt," he said, adding that either would enable the station to reach most of the Oklahoma City metro area.

"We haven't asked KGOU yet, but we'll start being real, real nice to them," Rutter said.

In addition to acquiring a

broadcast site, Wilken said another necessity is the purchase of equipment.

"We still have to get the equipment to show (the FCC) we can broadcast before we can get a license," he said.

Rutter said he doesn't know what will happen if the concert is a bust.

"I don't even want to think about it. I don't know what we'll do. We don't have any money other than what the show will give us."

"I want to encourage everyone to tell everyone they know about the concert," Rutter said.

Tickets are available for \$6 at Shadowplay, Rainbow Records, Mohawk Music and the Union Ticket Office.

For information call 364-1691.